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FRIDAY and SATURDAY PARADES — MUSIC — SHOWS

LECTURER TO GIVE SERIES ON EUROPE

An unusual opportunity for people of this community to gain authoritative information about existing conditions in Europe and important developments in international relations, will be offered through a series of lectures to be given by Dr. O. W. E. Cook, at Torrance Evening high school. There will be no charge for attendance.

The lectures arranged by Principal B. L. Fitzgerald will be given each Wednesday evening from 7 to 9 o'clock for the next 12 weeks.

The first two lectures will be on the subject of "Political Organizations of the World" and then Dr. Cook will discuss such topics as "Politics of War vs. Peace," "Latin America," "Europe—Its Importance and Set-Up," "European and U. S. A. Relations," "Europe and Possible Elements in a New Europe," "Our

Relations With the Far East," "The U. S. and the Near New West" and "The U. S. and a New World Order."

Dr. Cook is exceedingly well qualified to speak on this subject through training, experience and extensive world travels. He received degrees from Yale University and the University of Southern California, and studied at New York University, National University of Mexico, and University of the Philippines.

He served as vice-president of the Mexican Institute, secretary of the Mexican-American Scholarship Foundation, director of Education, Mexico, Mission; educational and religious work, Manila, Philippine Islands; was in the department of International Relations and political science in the University of Southern California, 1928-1934. He has been associated with the Los Angeles public schools from 1934 to 1937.

Citizen Group Aids Local Job Service Office

Following the recent appointment of the citizens' Advisory Council of the Torrance—South Bay area office of the California State Employment Service, a meeting was held here for the purpose of discussing the problems confronting the office serving this district.

The Advisory Council consists of Mrs. Flora McDonald, Howard J. Swallow, Tom F. McGuire and Henry Grubb of this city, Clanton Reah, Clarence E. Freeman and Jack Kelly.

Edwin A. Bird, manager of the office, stated that Advisory Councils for each of the offices affiliated with the United States Employment Service were provided for in the Wagner-Peyser Act passed by Congress in 1933. These Councils consist of equal representation from employers, employees, and the public and serve the purpose of the board of directors of advisory groups of citizens in determining the local policy and to assist in educating the public to the use of this modern free employment service for all of their employment needs.

Among the more important topics discussed at the meeting, was the extension of an educational program to employers of domestic labor in an effort to raise the standard of service, conditions of employment and wages to a par with prevailing standards for other parts of the country. It was pointed out that

MWD Plans Softener and Filter Plant

That Torrance and the 12 other cities comprising the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California will be served with filtered and softened water from the Colorado River Aqueduct was in prospect today when General Manager F. E. Weymouth, acting on authority granted by the district board, set under way the preparation of plans and specifications for a softening and filtering plant.

Final decision concerning the actual construction of the plant is to be made by the Board within the next few months. It was indicated.

Aqueduct water delivered to domestic and industrial consumers within the 13 District cities will all be filtered and will be softened to a greater degree than much of the water now being served in those cities, if plans now being considered by the District are carried out, it was revealed. None of the cities in the district are now being served filtered water, with the exception of Beverly Hills.

Dog Quarantine Still in Effect

Contrary to a general impression, the country dog quarantine is still in effect and several animals, including some bearing city license tags, were picked up and impounded this morning for running at large. All dogs must be confined at home or put on leash.

Disario Tours Europe Gripped in War Scare

When a metallurgist as keenly interested in his profession as Jack Disario of 1448 Engracia travels he naturally wants to see what other steel plants are doing. But the chief metallurgist at the Columbia Steel plant on his recent trip to his native Italy was unable to penetrate beyond the heavily guarded entrances to Il Duce's steel mills. "I tried everything to get inside various plants, including the largest one at Milan, but I was courteously but firmly refused admission by all the executives," he said.

"One told me that he would like to return all the courtesies he enjoyed on a recent trip to America but that if he took me thru his plant his personal safety would be seriously jeopardized. Undoubtedly most of Italy's steel mills are making munitions and that is the reason for the ban on all visitors."

Disario, who left here Aug. 12 and returned aboard the Normandie to New York on Oct. 12, brought home some vivid impressions of the war crisis evoked by Hitler's demand for Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia. He also returned with this emphatic statement:

"Whenever you hear one of those birds who are talking about the 'benefits' of Fascism,

Communism or any other ism, just take my word for it that he doesn't know how European people living under those forms



JACK DISARIO
"Poorest man a prince"
of government are barely scrapping out an existence. Why, the poorest man in the United States today is a prince compared to the general standard of living in Europe!"
Boarding the Italian liner Rex
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Instructor



JESSIE B. EWING
Who will return here next month to direct The Herald's annual Gas Cooking School in the Civic Auditorium.

HERALD TO PRESENT ANNUAL MODERN GAS COOK SCHOOL HERE ON NOV. 16, 17 AND 18

Arrangements were completed this week for presenting The Herald's annual Modern School of Gas Cookery lecture-demonstrations at the Civic Auditorium, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, Nov. 16, 17 and 18, starting at 1:30 o'clock.

As in past years, the cooking operations on the stage will be under the capable direction of Jessie B. Ewing whose never-fail methods have won her a host of friends in this locality.

Since the Holiday season is so near at hand, Mrs. Ewing's programs will include menu ideas for Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year dinners. She will use

a new certified performance gas range and Electrolux gas refrigerator on the stage to illustrate the many new short cuts these modern appliances have made available to modern successful cooking.

Further details concerning the Modern School of Gas Cookery will appear in later issues of The Herald.

Speaker



LOUIS BURKE
Who will be one of the speakers to discuss the ballot propositions at the Civic Auditorium Tuesday night.

Street Improvement Now Means No Bond Load Later

... AN EDITORIAL

The suggestion made by former Councilman Robert J. Deininger to the city council Tuesday evening that the city use the excess tax money from the increased valuations to repair and re-surface pavements in the older part of the city seems to us mighty good advice.

It must be remembered that the pavements in the original Torrance Tract or "old city" were laid more than 25 years ago and, like most subdivisions put on the market, the pavements were none too heavy. Certainly they were not of sufficient thickness to withstand the heavy truck hauling of the successive oil booms that Torrance was to witness. That they have been kept intact at all is due to the eternal watchfulness of the city's street department in patching up the holes as they appeared.

But many of the streets are now getting beyond the point when they can longer be successfully patched. If we are to avoid a major job of re-paving with its heavy tax burden, we must begin re-surfacing these old pavements while they are still intact.

Deininger's suggestion apparently was well received, as Councilman Hitchcock, chairman of the public works committee, indicated that a plan was already in preparation for doing this work. It is to be hoped that other members of the city council and citizens of Torrance will support this much needed improvement.

And after the streets are re-surfaced, we suggest that the city begin repairing the alleys, which are in even worse condition. It may require several years to complete the work without increasing the tax rate, but it seems to us a much more prudent plan than to wait until the pavements are completely ruined and then be forced to pass a bond issue to defray the cost of new paving.

Council to Inspect Lot Bearing 2 Houses Before Permitting Third

Before any building permit is granted Victor H. Johnson for a third house on the corner lot at Beech and Sierra streets, the city council wants to see the plans of the structure and make an inspection of the site.

"This was the council's decision Tuesday night when Johnson and his mother, Mrs. Charles Benson, appeared to ask for the permit. Johnson is building two \$300 houses on the rear of the lot at the present time and this led 25 residents (nearly all of them property owners) in the neighborhood of the Johnson property to petition the council Sept. 27 for single-family zoning restrictions.

Mindful of the council's instructions to issue no additional permits to Johnson or any other builder desiring to put multiple-family housings on a single lot,

Acting City Engineer Leonard Young had referred Johnson's request for a third building permit to the city board for decision. Johnson informed the council he wanted to put up "a good looking five-room house" on the front of the corner lot which now has the two small structures and garages on the rear portion.

Also the proposed city-wide re-zoning ordinance has been hanging fire for more than a year and during the past month has had some additional "heat" put on it by property owners desiring to obtain protection against multiple-family dwellings in choice residential districts, the zoning matter was not discussed next meeting of this week. The next meeting of the board will be Nov. 8 and there may be some developments along this line then.

Traffic Not Heavy Enough for Stops

As result of a field survey and conference of city officials, Walteria residents and representatives of the Auto Club and the State Highway department there will be no four-way boulevard stop for Highway 101 and Hawthorne avenue, scene of many a crash and several fatalities.

The local delegation was informed by the Auto Club and State Highway representatives that traffic is not heavy enough to justify boulevard stopping motorists traveling on Highway 101 at Hawthorne avenue.

Plasterer Hurt in Palos Verdes Fall

In trying to catch something as he tripped and was falling while walking out of a door to a house under construction in Palos Verdes, W. R. Price, 28-year-old Long Beach plasterer, suffered a badly wrenched shoulder and leg injuries yesterday morning. He was treated at Torrance Memorial hospital.

VISITING OFFICIAL

William Eggerer, city councilman from Hermosa Beach, was an interested spectator at city council meeting here Tuesday.

Public Bid to Propositions Discussion Here

A non-partisan, factual explanation by two competent authorities will be made of all 25 state propositions on the Nov. 8 ballot at a public meeting in the Civic Auditorium next Tuesday night, Nov. 7, it was announced today by Mayor William H. Tolson.

"In order that our citizens may have an intelligent understanding of all issues involved in the various amendments and initiative measures they will vote on, a group of local citizens has invited Louis Burke, counsel for the California League of Municipalities, and A. I. Stewart, vice-mayor of Pasadena, to come here that night," Mayor William H. Tolson said. "They have accepted and we cordially invite every voter to attend. The meeting will start at 8 o'clock."

Five minutes of the first part of the program will be allocated to Clifton A. Hix, Republican nominee for Congress from this district who is running on a non-partisan platform, the mayor said; but the main speakers will be Burke and Stewart. Mayor Tolson emphasized that the meeting is not to be a debate but will be devoted to a discussion of the ballot propositions on a pro and con basis.

Relief Group Retains Officers; Donations Wanted

At a meeting of the directorate of the Torrance Community Service association yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce all officers were re-elected and it was reported that about one-third or \$600 had been raised of the \$1,800 community welfare and relief fund for 1938-39.

Henry Lintott, assistant superintendent of the Columbia Steel plant, was retained as president; Wallace Post as vice-president; Earl Conner as treasurer and L. J. Gilmeister as secretary. Their new terms will begin Nov. 1.

The campaign for welfare and relief funds if continuing and residents may contribute to this strictly local Community Chest endeavor by giving their donations to Wallace Post at the Torrance National bank, Sam Levy at his department store or at the Chamber of Commerce.

The resignation of C. T. Rippey as a director was accepted with regret and R. R. Smith, first president of the association, was elected as his successor.

CHILD INJURED

Nine-year-old Dolores Virginia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Day, 2360 Sonoma avenue, suffered severe nose lacerations yesterday afternoon when she fell from her play wagon on Acacia street. It required two stitches to bind up the cut.

CITY ASKS WPA TO DIG ANCIENT MOUND

Having received the final permission to excavate the site of a pre-historic Indian mound near the ocean in Hollywood Riviera, the city council authorized Mayor William H. Tolson and City Clerk A. H. Bartlett Tuesday night to apply for a WPA project that would provide the labor for the work to be supervised by the archeological department of U.S.C.

This exploration of the area believed to be rich in relics and artifacts of people who lived in this area 20,000 or 30,000 years ago will cost the city nothing but all articles discovered will go to Torrance.

The entire project, which entails hand-digging in the search for evidence of pre-historic encampments, will be under the direction of Dr. A. O. Bowdin of U.S.C., who first proposed the WPA project. A letter was read to the council Tuesday night from the Huntington Land and Improvement company which an-

proved the exploration.

Two conditions were attached, these providing that excess soil be used to fill in some adjoining low spots in the vicinity and that when the excavation is finished it will be leveled off. Acting City Engineer Leonard Young reported that WPA authorities were keenly interested in the project and had planned to submit the necessary papers this week but found these could not be completed in time for the council session.

During the excavation of the mound, students from other colleges and universities will be permitted to look on while U.S.C. archeologists participate in the discoveries.

The question of where the city will store or display the relics expected to be found has not been settled but Engineer Young suggested that perhaps the Public Library may provide temporary space for them.

P. E. Silent on Street Project

"Trked" or "red" are weak words for the way members of the city council feel about the asserted "run-around" that the Pacific Electric Railway is giving them in regard to the many city requests for some statement from the traction company about how Cabrillo avenue and Torrance boulevard can be improved.

"The P. E. promised a complete report on the proposed improvement of those two main streets but we haven't received it—as usual," City Attorney John E. McCall declared Tuesday night.

Councilmen recalled that only one communication regarding the Cabrillo-Torrance boulevard project has been received from the P. E. since last Christmas—and this was not satisfactory because the railroad wanted the city to pay the cost of lowering the tracks and paving the present "iron cow path" down the center of Cabrillo avenue.

No action was taken Tuesday night to again bring the improvement before the traction

Streets Need Re-Surfacing, Council Told

Declaring that "our streets are in a deplorable condition," Robert J. Deininger urged the city council Tuesday night to adopt a long range resurfacing program and start the needed improvement at once by allocating some \$18,000 additional revenue received by the city this year toward that project.

Deininger, a former mayor (1928) and member of the council (1924-26 and from Feb. 25, 1937, to Feb. 26, 1938) pointed out that unless some action is taken at once to resurface several streets here a far more costly job of reconstruction must be undertaken. He asked the council to make an immediate inspection and use all available gasoline tax funds for the repairs.

"Several months ago the Kiwanis club sent a letter to the council suggesting this improvement but that letter was filed," Deininger, a past president of the service club, recalled. "Since then some interesting figures on city finances have come to light

Kiwanians Elect Sears President for 1939

Dean Sears, manager of the Torrance branch of the Bank of America, was elected president of the Torrance Kiwanis club, succeeding Postmaster Earl Conner, at the regular dinner-



DEAN SEARS
... takes over Jan. 2, 1939

meeting Monday night in the social hall of the First Christian church.

Michael Strasser, city editor of The Herald, was chosen first vice-president; Dudley Polhemus, rolling mill superintendent at the Columbia Steel plant, was picked as second vice-president, and Ed

Brunner of the Mayfair Creamery was re-elected treasurer.

Members of the board of directors for 1939 will include Gaston Area, Harwood Clark, Jack Miller, Ernest Murchison, Bill Nye, Bill Rojo, Jr., Leonard Young, President-Elect Sears, Strasser and Conner. The club will hold its annual installation dinner-party in honor of the new and retiring officers on Monday, Jan. 2.

Guest-speaker at the Kiwanis session this week was Saul Koch, proprietor of the Torrance Paint store, who discussed the European situation. Koch, a native of Austria who served in the Austrian navy during the World War, gave a vivid description of life, history and intrigue in Central Europe and urged his hearers to reject any "ism" but Americanism.

Plans are being made to entertain the Torrance Rotary club at a joint dinner-meeting Nov. 21—the week when the Rotary's regular session falls on Thanksgiving Thursday. The Kiwanians are also preparing to start work on their annual stage musical comedy, to be presented in the Civic Auditorium, Nov. 9 and 10. The production this year will be entitled "Beaux and Belles of Yesteryears." The large cast will be entirely composed of local residents.